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## PROSPERITY AHEAD

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Harold E. Schmeer, incoming president of the Roseburg chamber of commerce, sounded an optimistic note when he spoke at the weekly chamber of commerce forum Monday. He summarized opinions from business and industrial leaders in all fields to show majority expectation for continued high economic levels for at least the first six months of this year.

The Roseburg banker expressed his personal opinion that local prosperity is certain to remain high because of construction work, industrial orders, and other factors.

Opinions expressed at the forum closely parallel statements by many qualified observers. Professional economists in letters to their clients also speak optimistically about anticipated conditions in 1950. Some predict even higher levels than in 1949. Others contend the level will remain about the same. A minority opinion is inclined toward a minor drop, with about 15 percent considered the maximum.

Action, it is said, speaks louder than words, and when that action is backed by long, green folding money, we can think of nothing more convincing.

So, when we hear men in a position to make the most accurate predictions concerning future economic conditions speaking optimistically, and then read that 40 bidders at a timber auction ran prices up from \$9.05 to \$17.05, when a \$14 bid couldn't be obtained only eight months ago, we see evidence that optimism is fully justified.

Our local economy is based on the timber industry. When timber is sold at prices approaching the all-time high, as was the case at the Umpqua National Forest sale of Bohemia district timber last Monday, it appears that our lumbermen are quite confident the market for the next few months will justify their expenditures. In Monday's sale, those expenditures amounted to more than \$300,000. Investment of such a large sum of money in timber, which will not be cut for some months, gives tangible reasons for continued optimism.

When we add together the facts that federal, state and county road expenditures during the next two years will amount to more than \$4,000,000; that in excess of \$1,250,000 will be invested in construction of three hospital buildings, the Community hospital, Mercy hospital annex, and County hospital; that \$2,000,000 or more will be spent in erecting school buildings in Roseburg and throughout the county, and that construction of homes, business houses, office buildings and industrial plants will total several millions, impossible at this time to estimate, it is plain that Douglas county has little need to fear any material reduction of economy during the year 1950, unless national economy should take a nosedive.

It is generally conceded that the construction trade offers the best index of prosperity level. If this be true, then we have ample reason to be optimistic.

We will be surprised if national economy drops materially before the presidential elections of 1952. Our national administration has shown little probity in the handling of taxpayer money and we can expect, we believe, vigorous pump-priming and artificial props to economy, if such become necessary, to keep everyone happy until after the presidential election. People aren't inclined to worry too much about socialist trends and the eventual outcome of administrative policies so long as the skids are kept well greased and the ride don't get too bumpy. It's when we hit the rocks that we give the boot to the pilot.

So, every indication is that 1950 should be a highly prosperous year; that fear has no place in our planning. We not only have predictions from the country's experts, but we find money being invested on the strength of the outlook. Nothing could be more convincing.

## Paper Lauded For Printing News At Loss Of Business

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Oregon's Democratic party has commended the Republican Portland Oregonian, saying the paper printed articles unfavorable to its largest advertiser, and suffered loss of advertising as a result.

National committeeman Monroe Sweetland said advertising lineage cancellation followed publication of two stories by the Oregonian on a National Labor Relations board's ruling that Meier & Frank, Inc., of Portland, one of the nation's largest department stores, had violated fair labor practices. The ruling held the store had tried to prevent employees from unionizing. The Multnomah County Democratic Central committee Wednesday passed a formal resolution commending the paper "for its courageous endeavor to present the truth and protect the institution of the free press." Former Gov. Charles A. Sprague, publisher of the Oregon Statesman, Salem, first published comment on the situation in his editorial column. He said the department store immediately canceled 14 pages of advertising being prepared for publication. Only one page appeared. Portland's other daily newspaper, the Oregon Journal, published

ed first news of the December 31 NLRB ruling on its first page. Because the store "broke" too late, it missed part of one edition. Subsequent editions carried stories on the ruling. Its advertising apparently was not reduced.

Neither the Oregonian nor the Meier & Frank managements would comment for publication.

## Bargaining Vote Ordered At Springfield Mill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The National Labor Relations board has ordered the Springfield Mill company, Springfield, Ore., to hold a collective bargaining election by Feb. 9.

An employee, John T. Nicklaus, had petitioned for the election. The CIO International Woodworkers of America objected, contending they represented the company's employees. The NLRB ordered the election after ruling that there was no written contract between the mill and the union at the time Nicklaus' petition was filed.

NOT BAD IDEA NEW YORK.—(AP)—Lee Thompson Smith has a cure for fidgety motorists who pass the time in traffic jams sounding their horns. Smith, president of the real estate board of New York, proposed. Wire automobile horns so they will not blow except when the car is in motion.

## It's All Quite Simple, Isn't It?



## Snaps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Was the power off at your house Wednesday morning, too? From 4:32 a. m. until sometime after 10? Well, even so, wasn't it a gloriously beautiful day upon which to open one's eyes? Even before daylight! Even the workmen repairing power and telephone lines, and the road crews, and others whose duties took them out before the rest of us were out, must have found it a better day than over the weekend when the rain drizzled down their necks?

I did just what everyone else did: Went out with the camera. E J had gone off so I didn't expect company in my picture-taking. But I should know by now — after three years — that Pretty would follow whichever one of us is tramping around outside! She followed E J to the garage, leaping in his deep tracks, in a cat version of Eliza crossing the ice. Then she came in to toast her toes by the fire. Until I went out.

I forgot all my planned pictures and just took Pretty with whatever background happened

in. Probably be even better than my carefully figured out snaps. One of the best pictures I ever took was in a happenstance, all on account of looking around, just after I waded in my boots through the creek, to find Pretty calmly wading through right after me. I didn't have time to think of the "nine points" involved in using that 35-mm camera (I got rid of it. Too much for me to think out when all I want is a snapshot!) and I just touched the trigger and shot.

Speaking of snapshots: That one in Jan. 8 Farm & Home (the P. O.) section was taken in our Long Beach garden with a two-dollar camera I had for more years than I like to add up. And many a story for children, and little verse was "illustrated" successfully with that same camera. I confess also that sometimes the story or verse was written around the illustration!

I hope our grandson's parents will speed up on their picture-taking. We took hundreds of our two boys—and are they priceless treasures now!

and I only wish that each of you could have seen how thrilled I was when I opened them. Words simply can't express a part of how I felt. Such wonderful, wonderful gifts and not the least of them was the picture I have of my little one looking up and smiling at Santa. I finally just sat down and cried. I didn't know that it was possible for anyone to have such a wonderful Christmas as I did—in prison. But I couldn't feel lonely or forgotten with such strong proof that so many remembered.

"I wish I could write to everyone but as I am only allowed to mail one letter a week it doesn't go very far. But thank you all again for the gifts and cards, and so very much more—your faith in me.

"Vicky  
 "January 3, 1950  
 "Oregon State Penitentiary."  
 Perhaps this will let many interested persons know how much she appreciates thoughtfulness and letters, even though she is not allowed to answer them.  
 MRS. PAUL GEDDES,  
 Roseburg, Ore.

WHAT'S IN A LETTER? GREELEY, Colo.—(AP)—A Greeley girl added just one letter to her name when she was married. Mary Lee became Mrs. Robert Wise at a ceremony at Tahoe, Calif.

TOOTH SULTAN DUNGA TERRITORY, Belgian Congo.—(AP)—With songs, dances and drums, "Dekpe the First" became the sultan of 100,000 Azande tribesmen living in 30,000 square kilometers of forest in North-Eastern Congo recently.

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## In the Day's News

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declared a blockade of Communist China. The Flying Arrow therefore, rates as a blockade runner.

WELL, in such cases, you never can tell what may happen. During our own war between the states, an exactly similar situation brought the government of the United States (the North) and Great Britain to the verge of war.

THE South then wanted British goods. It wanted them terribly. It needed them terribly. The bulk of American manufacturing industry was located in the North. The South was aristocratically agricultural. Then, as now, manufacturing industry was the backbone of war-making power.

If the South could get war munitions from Britain, it stood a good chance to win. If it couldn't get them, it stood to lose out. Britain wanted to SELL TO THE SOUTH.

The North declared a blockade of Southern ports. British merchant ships ran the blockade when they could. The North's Navy stopped these blockade runners, with gunfire, if need be, when it caught them.

The resulting tension between the North and Britain was so great that war at times seemed only a matter of hours or days.

NOW for the payoff: NORTH AND BRITAIN WAS PROBABLY AVERTED BY RUSSIA, WHICH SENT ITS FLEET TO OUR SHORES ON MANEUVERS AND GOT THE WORD TO BRITAIN THAT IN THE EVENT OF WAR RUSSIA WOULD BE ON THE SIDE OF THE AMERICAN NORTH.

THAT was Czarist Russia. At this point, we should remember the cause of the war between the states. The South was fighting to retain HUMAN SLAVERY. The North was fighting to END human slavery. Czarist Russia, never any

## U. S. May Join To End Diplomatic Boycott Of Spain

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The United States is reported to be inclined to join in an expected move with other members of the United Nations to end a diplomatic boycott of Spain.

President Truman, said the persons reporting this, has approved such a shift in State department policy—if the UN agrees. The informed government officials also said that, with the same "if," Secretary of State Acheson now favors full diplomatic recognition of the Franco government.

For the past three years the United States, along with several other nations, has been represented in Spain only by charge d'affaires.

This is in keeping with a United Nations resolution calling upon members to recall their envoys "until a new and acceptable government is formed in Spain."

Even in face of the present resolution, 14 United Nations countries have either sent their ambassadors back to Madrid or have announced their intention of doing so.

U. S. officials said that a vote in favor of restoring full diplomatic relations should not be interpreted as a sign the United States no longer has any objection to the Franco government. They pointed out that this government has ambassadors and ministers in Russia and the Iron curtain countries although it does not approve of these governments.

friend of the common man, intervened on the side of the North, which was engaged in a bitter and bloody war to end human slavery in the United States.

THE point? If there is any point at all, the only one I can see is this: WAR IS SCREWBALL. Just that.

WE fought a bitter and bloody war (with Russia as an ally) to END Hitler and when Hitler was finished off we discovered that Communist Russia was a worse menace than Hitler had been. War seldom makes sense.

SO, you see, the Flying Arrow incident makes no sense whatever. A while back we were supposedly helping the Nationalist Chinese in every way we could short of war. Now they are shooting at us.

It's all a part of the screwball institution that we call war.

## Now you Know!

By KEN BAILEY



QUESTION: My husband's firm is temporarily transferring him to another community to assist in opening a new branch office. We plan to be away for several months and will close our home here during our absence. Should we notify our fire insurance company that our house will be unoccupied?

ANSWER: By all means! You must always inform your insurance company of any deviation from the conditions under which a property was originally insured. The danger of fire damage is higher in an unoccupied property so the insurance rate is also a little higher but if you plan an absence of several months, you should pay the slight additional premium and make certain of your protection against loss. If you'll address your own insurance questions to this office, we'll try to give you the correct answer and there will be no charge or obligation of any kind.

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THE ELECTRIC SUB-STATION DOES NOT MANUFACTURE ELECTRICITY—IN FACT IT DOES JUST THE OPPOSITE FOR ECONOMICAL TRANSMISSION ELECTRICITY IS SENT OUT OF THE POWER STATION AT SUCH HIGH VOLTAGE THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR SUB-STATIONS TO REDUCE THIS VOLTAGE SO THAT IT CAN BE USED IN THEIR LOCALITIES.

HAS COPCO HAD TO CURTAIL THE USE OF ELECTRICITY? Power curtailment has only been necessary during periods of drought, or during periods of extremely cold weather when streams became frozen. The curtailment was of short duration and was applied only to large industrial users of electricity.

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